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Honorable Commissioner of Patents February 28, 1997 and Trademarks

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 119 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.55(a), the applicants hereby claim the right of priority based on the following application:

Country Application No. Filed

Japan 8-194964 July 24, 1996

A certified copy of the above-noted application is attached hereto.

Please charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16-1.21(h) or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448.

Respectfully submitted,

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